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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Oran D. Tarlton

Serial No.: 09/369,134

Filed: August 5, 1999

For: COMPOSITE METAL-TO-METAL SEAL

HAVING A RELATIVELY SOFT METAL OVERLAY AND A RELATIVELY HARD

METAL CORE

Group Art Unit: 3626

Examiner: Unknown

Atty. Dkt. No.: LTVA:102/AUC

SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

ATTN OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby submits 8 sheets of the formal drawings, including Figs. 1 to 8 for the above-referenced application and requests that these drawings be accepted for filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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